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THE LEAFLET

1712 *St. Peter's Church* 2021

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 19, 2021 ~ 10:30am Service
A SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

We light these four candles of Advent to proclaim
the great humility of God our Savior.

Priest: The Lord be with you
People: And with thy spirit.
Priest: Let us pray.

Priest and People:

We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Priest: Our King and Savior now draws near.
People: Come let us adore Him.

ADVENT HYMN #56 (stanza 7)

O come, Desire of nations,
bind in one the hearts of all mankind;
bid thou our sad divisions cease,
and be thyself our King of Peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Thou art Peter & upon this rock I

and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it

~ Pageant and Child Care ~

PRELUDE: **VARIATIONS ON** *JOHANN PACHELBEL*
“COMFORT, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE”

OFFERTORY CAROL: **TOMORROW SHALL BE MY DANCING DAY** *JOHN GARDNER*

THE GREENS ON THE MAIN ALTAR are given to the **Glorry of God**
and in thanksgiving for God's Blessings

PRAYERS AND BLESSING:

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sins. *Amen.*

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. *Amen.*

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

+ **HYMN: 100**

JOY TO THE WORLD

ANTIOCH

POSTLUDE:

**VARIATIONS ON
"REJOICE GREATLY, O MY SOUL"**

GEORG BOEHM

(+ All Standing)

THE USHERS at the 10:30AM Service are Moses Kamya and Robin LaPlante

~ **Parish Notes** ~

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour will not be held today due to the Hanging of the Greens and the luncheon.

Guest Clergy: We thank Deacon Helene Patterson for participating in the Lessons and Carols service today and for her continued willingness to help us during our time of transition.

Christmas Cookies: If you baked a dozen or more cookies for the South End Children's Café, please leave them on the table at the back of the church. Thank you for your continued support of the Children's Café.

Hanging of the Greens: The decorating of the church will take place today immediately following the 10:30AM service and the traditional ham luncheon will be served at 1PM. We hope that you will stay for this long-time festive tradition.

Christmas Poinsettia/Hanging of the Greens Donation Form: The deadline to submit your requests is today, Sunday, **December 19th** (See Insert). The form can also be downloaded from the church website. On the home page of the website click on the "Info Center" tab and when it opens up click on "Christmas Poinsettia Form".

Church Office Closed: In observance of Christmas and New Year's, the church office will be closed this Friday, December 24th, Monday, December 27th and on Friday, December 31st, respectively.

Christmas Eve Choral/Family Service: Friday, December 24th at 4:30PM. All the children of St. Peter's are invited to join in the procession of the Crèche. Each child will carry a piece of the manger to be put together before the service. Please meet in the Pumpelly Room for your piece. Questions? Give Laura Rulison a call at (518)368-4284.

Christmas Eve Choral Service: Friday, December 24th at 10PM. Prior to this service the choir will sing a choral prelude at 9:30PM.

Christmas Day Service: No services will be held on Christmas Day.

Annual Parish Meeting: On Sunday, January 30th the Annual Parish Meeting will be held immediately following the 10:30AM service. We invite you to grab a cup of coffee and join us in the church.

Please remember in your prayers: Betsy Ballard, Ruth Bornt, Sharon Bornt, Willard Bridgham, Fred Buse, Inga Carpenter, Liam, Ann Collins, Bill Collins, Morris Daly, Nicky Desso, Anne deVos, Marie Dolan, Hunter Dolbert, Donna Hershey, Doreen Johnson, Christy Judge, Neil Keen, Mark Lundberg, Diana Martin, Kevin Mastro, Ed Murphy, Lindsay Norville, Donna Ohlman, Grant Ohlman, Deej Patterson, Sonya, Moriah, Vicky Pautler, Bill Purdy, Edmund Schupp, Cyndy Shaffer, The Rev. Dr. Brad Smith, Eileen Smith, Frank Spath, Carol Stafford, Earl Stafford, Dean Tessitore, Carol Tripp, Christer Westin, Christina Wright, Aunt Rosie and Family.

Birthdays: 12/19 ~ John DeBonis; 12/21 ~ Nancy Guest

Anniversaries: 12/19 ~ Raymond & Dorothy Roohan; 12/22 ~ Terrence & Barbara Kelly

OFFICE HOURS

MON. - FRI. 9:00 AM ~ 4:00 PM

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 19th

8:30AM Holy Communion and Sermon

10:30AM A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, Christmas Pageant, Sunday School and Child Care

11:30AM Hanging of the Greens immediately following the service

1:00PM Ham Luncheon in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, December 22nd

No Holy Communion

Thursday, December 23rd

5:30PM - 7:00PM Full Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 24th ~ Christmas Eve

Office Closed

4:30PM Christmas Eve Choral Holy Communion with Crèche Procession

9:30PM Choral Prelude

10:00PM Christmas Eve Choral Holy Communion

Saturday, December 25th ~ Christmas Day

No services

Latest COVID-19 Update

Following the directives of the New York State Governor Kathy Hochul, a statewide mask mandate went into effect on Monday, December 13th and will be re-evaluated on January 15th.

At the present time, St. Peter's Church does not have "A Proof of Vaccination Requirement" in place (meaning we do not require you to be vaccinated and show proof of vaccination to enter the church). Therefore, anyone entering the church, regardless of your vaccination status, must wear a mask at all times unless they are eating or drinking.

Please be aware that we do offer several hand sanitizing stations and we follow all CDC guidelines for sanitizing the church.

We hope this temporary mask mandate will not deter you from attending our wonderful church services and all of the traditional holiday events that we have planned for the next several weeks.